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MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (ICAS) (2006-2014)

Lausanne, 29 October 2020 – The International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), the governing body of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), has learned with great sadness of the passing of its former colleague and friend, Judge Juan R. Torruella, at the age of 87.

Judge Torruella was an ICAS Member from 2006 to 2014. He served as Deputy President of the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division between 2010 and 2014.

He served as Judge, then as Chief Judge, to the US District Court for Puerto Rico before becoming the first Puerto Rican to sit on a US Court of Appeals (for the First Circuit), appointed by US President Ronald Reagan in 1984. 36 years later, he was still an active federal appeal judge when he passed away.

Alongside his brilliant legal career, he was also involved in sport as a member of the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee for over 30 years. Active in the sport of sailing, he was President of the Federación Náutica de Puerto Rico and he also represented his country in six editions of the Olympic Games as a member of the Puerto Rico Olympic sailing team.